



Wanuskewin Heritage Park

“Seeking Peace of Mind”

For more than 6,000 years, the nomadic tribes who roamed the Northern Plains gathered on this site of natural beauty where today visitors can relive stories of a people who came here to hunt bison, gather food and herbs, and escape the winter winds. Walking in their footsteps, you will understand why this site was a place of worship and celebration, of renewal with the natural world, and of a deep spirituality. You will begin to learn about the history of a prairie place where the original North Americans met newcomers to the continent in a spirit of sharing and hospitality.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park is truly a unique place. The Park hugs the west bank of the South Saskatchewan River just three kilometres north of Saskatoon. On its three hundred acres, there are nineteen sites that represent the Northern Plains Peoples: summer and winter camp sites, bison kill sites, tipi rings and a boulder alignment known as a medicine wheel, all found within one kilometre of each other.

To aid visitors to Wanuskewin, an award-winning interpretive centre was designed to reflect Indian cultural values. It features state-of-the-art exhibits, a restaurant highlighting traditional foods, a gift shop and an art gallery.

The story of Wanuskewin is just beginning to be known. Some of the sites uncovered date back thousands of years, making them older than the Egyptian pyramids, and these sites provide clues to the daily existence of the early peoples. Tipi rings, stone cairns, pottery fragments, plant seeds, projectile points, egg shells and animal bones all give evidence of active thriving societies but some sites still remain mysteries.

Scientific investigations in the area began in the early 1930s and today, intensive archaeological research is on-going under the leadership of the University of Saskatchewan. The Park became a provincial heritage property in 1984, the only designated heritage site in Saskatchewan to feature prehistoric resources, and was named a national historic site in 1986. The following year, Queen Elizabeth II unveiled a dedication plaque. Wanuskewin Heritage Park was officially opened in June 1992 and since that time, hundreds of thousands of visitors have experienced this window to our past.

Wanuskewin, however, is more than ancient yesterdays. Its lessons are those of the ages, but it still has much to teach. It helps us understand Native heritage and culture and the roots all North Americans share.

Wanuskewin has been, and will continue to be, a place to seek peace of mind, a place of living in harmony.

Come...share the experience!



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Programs Descriptors

Mānokawēwin Tipi Raising

Enjoy one of Wanuskewin's most popular programs! Learn how the First Nations people used to set up their homes. Learn about the values that were associated with each part of the tipi, values that were passed down to the children as they helped set the tipi up.

Come and try it yourself!

All Ages Time: 45 minutes

Kimaskikinawaw Medicine Walk

Imagine having all the medicine you need just outside your tipi door. This trail walk introduces participants to the medicine of First Nations people. From medication that gave relief to the common cold to bug repellent, Wanuskewin's Opimihaw valley has it all.

All Ages Time: 45 Min

